

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (original): A gaming device operated under the control of a processor, said gaming device comprising:

a game controlled by the processor and operable upon a wager by a player;
a plurality of reels in the game;
a plurality of symbols on the reels,

(a) said symbols including a first designated symbol at a designated position on said reels, said first designated symbol displayed as first indicia or as different second indicia at said designated position on the reels, and

(b) said symbols including a second designated symbol at a different designated position on said reels, said second designated symbol displayed as first indicia or as different second indicia at said designated position on the reels,

wherein each of said designated symbols has a function on the reels in the game for determining any winning outcomes;

an input device operable with the processor to enable the player to select which of the first indicia or the second indicia of the first designated symbol will be displayed at the designated position of said first designated symbol on said reels, wherein:

(a) if the player inputs a selection of the first indicia of the first designated symbol on the reels to be displayed at the designated position of said first designated symbol on said reels, the processor causes:

(i) the first indicia of said first designated symbol to be displayed at said designated position of said first designated symbol on the reels, and

(ii) the first indicia of the second designated symbol to be displayed at said designated position of said second designated symbol on the reels, and

(b) if the player inputs a selection of the second indicia of the first designated symbol on the reels to be displayed at the designated position of said first designated symbol on said reels, the processor causes:

(i) the second indicia of said first designated symbol to be displayed at said designated position of said first designated symbol on the reels, and

(ii) the second indicia of the second designated symbol to be displayed at said designated position of said second designated symbol on the reels; and

at least one winning outcome adapted to be provided to the player based on the symbols generated on said reels and said functions of said symbols regardless of which of said indicia is displayed at the designated position of said designated symbol.

Claim 2 (original): The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein the input device includes a touch screen.

Claim 3 (original): The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein the first designated symbol and the second designated symbols are on the same reel.

Claim 4 (original): The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein the first designated symbol and the second designated symbols are on different reels.

Claim 5 (original): The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein the first designated symbol and the second designated symbols are the same symbol.

Claim 6 (original): The gaming device of Claim 5, wherein the first indicia of the first designated symbol is the same as the first indicia of the second designated symbol.

Claim 7 (original): The gaming device of Claim 5, wherein the first indicia of the first designated symbol is the same as the first indicia of the second designated symbol, and the second indicia of the first designated symbol is the same as the second indicia of the second designated symbol.

Claim 8 (original): The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein the first indicia of the first designated symbol is different than the first indicia of the second designated symbol.

Claim 9 (original): The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein the first designated symbol and the second designated symbol are different symbols.

Claim 10 (original): The gaming device of Claim 9, wherein the first indicia of the first designated symbol is different than the first indicia of the second designated symbol.

Claim 11 (original): The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein the first designated symbol and the second designated symbol are the same symbol, the first indicia of the first designated symbol is the same as the first indicia of the second designated symbol, and the second indicia of the first designated symbol is different than the second indicia of the second designated symbol.

Claim 12 (original): The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein the functions of the first designated symbol and the second designated symbol on the reels in the game are the same for determining any winning outcomes based on the symbols generated on the reels.

Claim 13 (original): A gaming device operated under the control of a processor, said gaming device comprising:

- a game controlled by the processor and operable upon a wager by a player;
- a plurality of reels in the game;

- a plurality of symbols on the reels, said symbols including a plurality of designated symbols each at different designated positions on said reels, each of said designated symbols displayed on the reels as first indicia or as different second indicia at the designated position of said designated symbol on the reels, and each of said designated symbols having a function on the reels in the game for determining any winning outcomes;

- an input device operable with the processor to enable the player to select which of the first indicia or the second indicia of one of the plurality of designated symbols will be displayed at the designated position of said designated symbol on said reels, wherein if the player inputs a selection the first indicia or the second indicia of the said designated symbol to be displayed at the designated position of said designated symbol on said reels, the processor causes

- (a) the selected first indicia or the selected second indicia of said designated symbol to be displayed on the reels at said designated position on the reels, and

- (b) the corresponding first indicia or second indicia for at least one other designated symbol to be displayed on the reels at said designated position of said other designated symbol on the reels; and

- at least one winning outcome adapted to be provided to the player based on the symbols generated on said reels regardless of which of said indicia is displayed at the designated position of said designated symbol.

Claim 14 (original): The gaming device of Claim 13, wherein the input device includes a touch screen.

Claim 15 (original): The gaming device of Claim 13, wherein at least two of said designated symbols are on the same reel.

Claim 16 (original): The gaming device of Claim 13, wherein at least two of the designated symbols are on different reels.

Claim 17 (original): The gaming device of Claim 13, wherein at least two of the designated symbols are the same symbol.

Claim 18 (original): The gaming device of Claim 17, wherein the first indicia of one of said same designated symbols is the same as the first indicia of another of said same designated symbols.

Claim 19 (original): The gaming device of Claim 17, wherein the first indicia of each of said same designated symbols are the same and the second indicia of each of said same designated symbols are the same.

Claim 20 (original): The gaming device of Claim 13, wherein the first indicia of at least two of same designated symbols are different.

Claim 21 (original): The gaming device of Claim 13, wherein at least two of the designated symbols are different symbols.

Claim 22 (original): The gaming device of Claim 13, wherein the first indicia of at least two of the designated symbols are different.

Claim 23 (original): The gaming device of Claim 13, wherein at least two of the designated symbols are the same symbol, the first indicia of the designated symbol are the same, and the second indicia of at least two of the designated symbols are different.

Claim 27 (original): The gaming device of Claim 25, wherein the designated symbols are on the same reel.

Claim 28 (original): The gaming device of Claim 25, wherein at least two of the designated symbols are on different reels.

Claim 29 (original): The gaming device of Claim 25, wherein at least two of the designated symbols are the same symbol.

Claim 30 (original): The gaming device of Claim 25, wherein all of the designated symbols are the same symbol.

Claim 31 (original): The gaming device of Claim 30, wherein the plurality of different indicia for each of the designated symbols are the same.

Claim 32 (original): The gaming device of Claim 25, wherein the functions of at least two of the designated symbols are the same in the game for determining any winning outcomes based on the symbols generated on the reels.

Claim 33 (original): The gaming device of Claim 25, wherein the functions of all of the designated symbols are the same in the game for determining any winning outcomes based on the symbols generated on the reels.

Claim 24 (original): The gaming device of Claim 13, wherein the functions of a plurality of the designated symbols are the same in the game for determining any winning outcomes based on the symbols generated on the reels.

Claim 25 (original): A gaming device operated under the control of a processor, said gaming device comprising:

a game controlled by the processor and operable upon a wager by a player;

a plurality of reels in the game;

a plurality of symbols on the reels, said symbols including a plurality of designated symbols at different designated positions on said reels, each of said designated symbols displayed on the reels as one of a plurality of different indicia at the designated position of said designated symbol on the reels, and each of said designated symbols having a function on the reels in the game for determining any winning outcomes;

an input device operable with the processor to enable the player to select which of the plurality of different indicia of one of the plurality of designated symbols will be displayed at the designated position of said designated symbol on said reels, wherein if the player inputs a selection of one of the plurality of indicia of said designated symbol to be displayed at said designated position of said designated symbol on said reels, the processor causes (a) the selected indicia of said designated symbol to be displayed on the reels at said designated position on the reels, and (b) the corresponding indicia for at least one other designated symbol to be displayed on the reels at said designated position of said other designated symbol on the reels; and

at least one winning outcome adapted to be provided to the player based on the symbols generated on said reels and regardless of which of said indicia is displayed at the designated position of said designated symbol.

Claim 26 (original): The gaming device of Claim 25, wherein the input device includes a touch screen.

Claim 34 (original): A gaming device operated under the control of a processor, said gaming device comprising:

- a game controlled by the processor and operable upon a wager by a player;
- a plurality of reels in the game;
- a plurality of symbols on the reels,

(a) said symbols including same first and second designated symbols at different designated positions on said reels, each of said first and second designated symbols displayed on the reels as first indicia or as different second indicia at the designated position of said designated symbol on the reels, and

(b) said symbols including same third and fourth designated symbols at different designated positions on said reels, each of said third and fourth designated symbols displayed on the reels as third indicia or as different fourth indicia at the designated position of said designated symbol on the reels,

wherein each of said designated symbols has a function on the reels in the game for determining any winning outcomes;

at least one input device operable with the processor to enable the player to select which of the first indicia or the second indicia of the first designated symbol will be displayed at the designated position of said first designated symbol on said reels, wherein:

(a) if the player inputs a selection of the first indicia of said first designated symbol on the reels to be displayed at the designated position of said first designated symbol on said reels, the processor causes:

(i) the first indicia of said first designated symbol to be displayed at said designated position of said first designated symbol on the reels,

(ii) the first indicia of said second designated symbol to be displayed on the reels at said designated position of said second designated symbol on the reels,

(iii) the third indicia of the third designated symbols to be displayed at the designated position of the third designated symbol on the reels, and

(iv) the third indicia of said fourth designated symbol to be displayed on the reels at said designated position of said fourth designated symbol on the reels, and

(b) if the player inputs a selection of the second indicia of said first designated symbol on the reels to be displayed at the designated position of said first designated symbol on said reels, the processor causes:

(i) the second indicia of said first designated symbol to be displayed at said designated position of said first designated symbol on the reels,

(ii) the second indicia of the second designated symbol to be displayed on the reels at said designated position of said second designated symbol on the reels,

(iii) the fourth indicia of said third designated symbol to be displayed at the designated position of said third designated symbol on the reels, and

(iv) the fourth indicia of said fourth designated symbols to be displayed on the reels at said designated position of said fourth designated symbol on the reels; and

at least one winning outcome adapted to be provided to the player based on the symbols generated on said reels regardless of which of said indicia is displayed at the designated position of each said designated symbol.

Claim 35 (original): The gaming device of Claim 34, wherein the input device includes a touch screen.

Claim 36 (original): The gaming device of Claim 34, wherein the first and second designated symbols are on the same reel.

Claim 37 (original): The gaming device of Claim 34, wherein the third and fourth designated symbols are on the same reel.

Claim 38 (original): The gaming device of Claim 34, wherein at least one of the first and second designated symbols and at least one of the third and fourth designated symbols are on different reels.

Claim 39 (original): The gaming device of Claim 34, wherein the functions of the first and second designated symbols and the third and fourth designated symbols are different in the game for determining any winning outcomes based on the symbols generated on the reels.

Claim 40 (original): A gaming device operated under the control of a processor,
said gaming device comprising:

- a game controlled by the processor and operable upon a wager by a player;
- a plurality of reels in the game;
- a plurality of symbols on the reels,

- (a) said symbols including a first designated symbol at a designated position on said reels, said first designated symbol displayed as first indicia or as different second indicia at said designated position on the reels, and

- (b) said symbols including a second designated symbol at a different designated position on said reels, said second designated symbol displayed as first indicia or as different second indicia at said designated position on the reels, wherein each of said designated symbols has a function on the reels in the game for determining any winning outcomes;

means for causing a selection of the display of first indicia or the second indicia for the first designated symbol at the first designated position on said reels, wherein:

- (a) if the selection is of the first indicia of the first designated symbol on the reels to be displayed at the designated position of said first designated symbol on said reels, the processor causes:

- (i) the first indicia of said first designated symbol to be displayed at said designated position of said first designated symbol on the reels, and

- (ii) the first indicia of the second designated symbol to be displayed at said designated position of said second designated symbol on the reels, and

- (b) if the selection is of the second indicia of the first designated symbol on the reels to be displayed at the designated position of said first designated symbol on said reels, the processor causes:

- (i) the second indicia of said first designated symbol to be displayed at said designated position of said first designated symbol on the reels, and

(ii) the second indicia of the second designated symbol to be displayed at said designated position of said second designated symbol on the reels; and

at least one winning outcome adapted to be provided to the player based on the symbols generated on said reels and said functions of said symbols regardless of which of said indicia is displayed at the designated position of said designated symbol.

Claim 41 (original): The gaming device of Claim 40, wherein the selection causing means causes a random selection.

Claim 42 (original): The gaming device of Claim 40, wherein the first designated symbol and the second designated symbols are on the same reel.

Claim 43 (original): The gaming device of Claim 40, wherein the first designated symbol and the second designated symbols are on different reels.

Claim 44 (original): The gaming device of Claim 40, wherein the first designated symbol and the second designated symbols are the same symbol.

Claim 45 (original): The gaming device of Claim 44, wherein the first indicia of the first designated symbol is the same as the first indicia of the second designated symbol.

Claim 46 (original): The gaming device of Claim 44, wherein the first indicia of the first designated symbol is the same as the first indicia of the second designated symbol, and the second indicia of the first designated symbol is the same as the second indicia of the second designated symbol.

Claim 47 (original): The gaming device of Claim 40, wherein the first indicia of the first designated symbol is different than the first indicia of the second designated symbol.

Claim 48 (original): The gaming device of Claim 40, wherein the first designated symbol and the second designated symbol are different symbols.

Claim 49 (original): The gaming device of Claim 48, wherein the first indicia of the first designated symbol is different than the first indicia of the second designated symbol.

Claim 50 (original): The gaming device of Claim 40, wherein the first designated symbol and the second designated symbol are the same symbol, the first indicia of the first designated symbol is the same as the first indicia of the second designated symbol, and the second indicia of the first designated symbol is different than the second indicia of the second designated symbol.

Claim 51 (original): The gaming device of Claim 40, wherein the functions of the first designated symbol and the second designated symbol on the reels in the game are the same for determining any winning outcomes based on the symbols generated on the reels.

Claim 52 (original): A gaming device operated under the control of a processor, said gaming device comprising:

- a game controlled by the processor and operable upon a wager by a player;
- a plurality of reels in the game;

- a plurality of symbols on the reels, said symbols including a plurality of designated symbols each at different designated positions on said reels, each of said designated symbols displayed on the reels as first indicia or as different second indicia at the designated position of said designated symbol on the reels, and each of said designated symbols having a function on the reels in the game for determining any winning outcomes;

means for causing a selection of the first indicia or the second indicia of one of the plurality of designated symbols to be displayed at the designated position of said designated symbol on said reels, wherein if the selection is of the first indicia or the second indicia of the said designated symbol to be displayed at the designated position of said designated symbol on said reels, the processor causes

- (a) the selected first indicia or the selected second indicia of said designated symbol to be displayed on the reels at said designated position on the reels, and

- (b) the corresponding first indicia or second indicia for at least one other designated symbol to be displayed on the reels at said designated position of said other designated symbol on the reels; and

at least one winning outcome adapted to be provided to the player based on the symbols generated on said reels regardless of which of said indicia is displayed at the designated position of said designated symbol.

Claim 53 (original): The gaming device of Claim 52, wherein the selection causing means causes a random selection.

Claim 54 (original): The gaming device of Claim 52, wherein at least two of said designated symbols are on the same reel.

Claim 55 (original): The gaming device of Claim 52, wherein at least two of the designated symbols are on different reels.

Claim 56 (original): The gaming device of Claim 52, wherein at least two of the designated symbols are the same symbol.

Claim 57 (original): The gaming device of Claim 56, wherein the first indicia of one of said same designated symbols is the same as the first indicia of another of said same designated symbols.

Claim 58 (original): The gaming device of Claim 56, wherein the first indicia of each of said same designated symbols are the same and the second indicia of each of said same designated symbols are the same.

Claim 59 (original): The gaming device of Claim 52, wherein the first indicia of at least two of same designated symbols are different.

Claim 60 (original): The gaming device of Claim 52, wherein at least two of the designated symbols are different symbols.

Claim 61 (original): The gaming device of Claim 52, wherein the first indicia of at least two of the designated symbols are different.

Claim 62 (original): The gaming device of Claim 52, wherein at least two of the designated symbols are the same symbol, the first indicia of the designated symbol are the same, and the second indicia of at least two of the designated symbols are different.

Claim 63 (original): The gaming device of Claim 52, wherein the functions of a plurality of the designated symbols are the same in the game for determining any winning outcomes based on the symbols generated on the reels.

Claim 64 (original): A gaming device operated under the control of a processor, said gaming device comprising:

a game controlled by the processor and operable upon a wager by a player;

a plurality of reels in the game;

a plurality of symbols on the reels, said symbols including a plurality of designated symbols at different designated positions on said reels, each of said designated symbols displayed on the reels as one of a plurality of different indicia at the designated position of said designated symbol on the reels, and each of said designated symbols having a function on the reels in the game for determining any winning outcomes;

means for causing a selection of one of the plurality of different indicia of one of the plurality of designated symbols to be displayed at the designated position of said designated symbol on said reels, wherein after the selection of one of the plurality of indicia of said designated symbol to be displayed at said designated position of said designated symbol on said reels, the processor causes (a) the selected indicia of said designated symbol to be displayed on the reels at said designated position on the reels, and (b) the corresponding indicia for at least one other designated symbol to be displayed on the reels at said designated position of said other designated symbol on the reels; and

at least one winning outcome adapted to be provided to the player based on the symbols generated on said reels and regardless of which of said indicia is displayed at the designated position of said designated symbol.

Claim 65 (original): The gaming device of Claim 64, wherein the selection causing means causes a random selection.

Claim 66 (original): The gaming device of Claim 64, wherein the designated symbols are on the same reel.

Claim 67 (original): The gaming device of Claim 64, wherein at least two of the designated symbols are on different reels.

Claim 68 (original): The gaming device of Claim 64, wherein at least two of the designated symbols are the same symbol.

Claim 69 (original): The gaming device of Claim 64, wherein all of the designated symbols are the same symbol.

Claim 70 (original): The gaming device of Claim 69, wherein the plurality of different indicia for each of the designated symbols are the same.

Claim 71 (original): The gaming device of Claim 64, wherein the functions of at least two of the designated symbols are the same in the game for determining any winning outcomes based on the symbols generated on the reels.

Claim 72 (original): The gaming device of Claim 64, wherein the functions of all of the designated symbols are the same in the game for determining any winning outcomes based on the symbols generated on the reels.

Claim 73 (original): A gaming device operated under the control of a processor, said gaming device comprising:

- a game controlled by the processor and operable upon a wager by a player;
- a plurality of reels in the game;
- a plurality of symbols on the reels,

- (a) said symbols including same first and second designated symbols at different designated positions on said reels, each of said first and second designated symbols displayed on the reels as first indicia or as different second indicia at the designated position of said designated symbol on the reels, and

- (b) said symbols including same third and fourth designated symbols at different designated positions on said reels, each of said third and fourth designated symbols displayed on the reels as third indicia or as different fourth indicia at the designated position of said designated symbol on the reels,

wherein each of said designated symbols has a function on the reels in the game for determining any winning outcomes;

means for causing a selection of the first indicia or the second indicia of the first designated symbol to be displayed at the designated position of said first designated symbol on said reels, wherein:

- (a) if the selection is of the first indicia of said first designated symbol on the reels to be displayed at the designated position of said first designated symbol on said reels, the processor causes:

- (i) the first indicia of said first designated symbol to be displayed at said designated position of said first designated symbol on the reels,

- (ii) the first indicia of said second designated symbol to be displayed on the reels at said designated position of said second designated symbol on the reels,

- (iii) the third indicia of the third designated symbols to be displayed at the designated position of the third designated symbol on the reels, and

(iv) the third indicia of said fourth designated symbol to be displayed on the reels at said designated position of said fourth designated symbol on the reels, and

(b) if the selection is of the second indicia of said first designated symbol on the reels to be displayed at the designated position of said first designated symbol on said reels, the processor causes:

(i) the second indicia of said first designated symbol to be displayed at said designated position of said first designated symbol on the reels,

(ii) the second indicia of the second designated symbol to be displayed on the reels at said designated position of said second designated symbol on the reels,

(iii) the fourth indicia of said third designated symbol to be displayed at the designated position of said third designated symbol on the reels, and

(iv) the fourth indicia of said fourth designated symbols to be displayed on the reels at said designated position of said fourth designated symbol on the reels; and

at least one winning outcome adapted to be provided to the player based on the symbols generated on said reels regardless of which of said indicia is displayed at the designated position of each said designated symbol.

Claim 74 (original): The gaming device of Claim 73, wherein the selection causing means causes a random selection.

Claim 75 (original): The gaming device of Claim 73, wherein the first and second designated symbols are on the same reel.

Claim 76 (original): The gaming device of Claim 73, wherein the third and fourth designated symbols are on the same reel.

Claim 77 (original): The gaming device of Claim 73, wherein at least one of the first and second designated symbols and at least one of the third and fourth designated symbols are on different reels.

Claim 78 (original): The gaming device of Claim 73, wherein the functions of the first and second designated symbols and the third and fourth designated symbols are different in the game for determining any winning outcomes based on the symbols generated on the reels.

- Claim 79 (previously presented): A gaming system comprising:
a gaming device including at least one display device and at least one input device; and
a server remote from the gaming device and configured to communicate with said gaming device, said server and said gaming device configured to:
- (i) after a player makes a first wager at a first time using said at least one input device,
 - (a) cause a first random generation of a first plurality of symbols from a first set of symbols, said first set of symbols including a plurality of different symbols,
 - (b) cause said display device to display said generated first plurality of symbols, and
 - (c) cause any awards associated with any first winning symbol or symbol combinations of said generated first plurality of symbols to be provided to the player,
 - (ii) after the player makes an input to change said symbols at a second subsequent time using said at least one input device:
 - (d) cause a change on the at least one display from the first set of symbols to a second set of symbols, said second set of symbols being different than the first set of symbols, said second set of symbols including a plurality of different symbols,
 - (iii) after the player makes a second wager using said at least one input device,
 - (e) cause a second random generation of a second plurality of symbols from the second set of symbols,
 - (f) cause said display device to display said generated second plurality of symbols, and
 - (g) cause any awards associated with any second winning symbols or second winning symbol combinations of said generated second plurality of symbols to be provided to the player, and
- such that the server at least in part causes (d).

Claim 80 (previously presented): The gaming system of Claim 79, wherein all of the second symbols in said second set of symbols are different than first symbols in said first set of symbols.

Claim 81 (previously presented): The gaming system of Claim 79, wherein said first set of symbols are on a plurality of first reels.

Claim 82 (previously presented): The gaming system of Claim 81, wherein the said second set of symbols are on a plurality of second reels.

Claim 83 (previously presented): The gaming system of Claim 79, wherein the said second set of symbols are on a plurality of second reels.

Claim 84 (previously presented): The gaming system of Claim 79, wherein the server and said gaming device are configured to: cause said plurality of generated first symbols and the plurality of generated second symbols to be displayed in the same positions by the display device.

Claim 85 (previously presented): The gaming system of Claim 79, wherein first winning symbols and first winning symbol combinations and the second winning symbols and second winning symbol combinations are evaluated based on a same payable.

Claim 86 (previously presented): The gaming system of Claim 79, wherein first winning symbols and first winning symbol combinations and the second winning symbols and second winning symbol combinations are evaluated based on different paytables.

Claim 87 (previously presented): The gaming system of Claim 1, wherein the server at least in part causes at least one of (a), (b), (e), and (f).